

with the provisions of this section, and the application therefor shall be heard and decided by the court; one week's notice of the application shall be given, and the respondent or respondents shall have the right to answer within the week; and if testimony be needed on either side, the same shall be taken within ten days after the answer is filed, or the said week shall have expired; from the decision of the Superior Court in the premises, either party may appeal within ten days, and it shall be the duty of the clerk to send up the record immediately, and the appeal shall be heard by the Court of Appeals, if then in session, and if not in session at the next term; in both courts the case shall be taken up and tried in preference to all others.

48. The board shall cause a full journal of their proceedings to be kept, and shall also cause all their receipts and disbursements of moneys to be faithfully entered in books to be provided for the purpose; and said journal and all said books, and all other documents in the possession of said board, shall always be open to inspection by the General Assembly of Maryland, or any committee appointed by it for that purpose, and by the city council of Baltimore, or any committee appointed by it for that purpose; it shall be the duty of the board to report to the General Assembly at each regular session, or as it may hereafter direct, the number and expense of the police force employed by them under this article, and all such other matters as may be of public interest in connection with the duties assigned to them by this article; and a like report shall be made to the mayor and city council of Baltimore, at each annual session of the said city council.

The Act of May 4, 1861, ch. 6, adds the following.

49. The Board of Police of the city of Baltimore shall have and may exercise in said city all the authority and power conferred on a single constable and justice of the peace of this State, in the several counties respectively, by the provisions of the sixty-sixth article of the Code of General Laws of Maryland in regard to free negroes and mulattoes.